

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-29 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 29 is amended.


Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 1-28.

The objection to claim 29 and the rejection of claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Deguchi et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,233,508, in view of Itoyama et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,253,127, have been rendered moot by the amendment to claim 29.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1 and 3-29 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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